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FOR: TEMPORARY RAISED PAVEMENT MARKER (TRPM)
APPLICATOR MACHINE FOR AUTOMATICALLY
APPLYING PAVEMENT MARKERS TO ROAD SURFACES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, and the prosecution thereof before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby desire to make of record, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, the following PRIOR ART of which Applicants are aware and which is also listed upon the attached PTO FORM 1449:

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Green	5,934,822
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Eigenmann	4,792,259
Clark et al.	4,136,991
Ten Broeck	3,590,701

The present invention, in connection with which the present patent application is being prosecuted, is directed toward a hitch mechanism for operatively interconnecting the tow bar of a towed vehicle to a mounting bar of a towing vehicle wherein the hitch mechanism is pivotally connected at both ends thereof so as to permit the towed vehicle to attain elevational levels independent of the towing vehicle. In addition, the hitch mechanism comprises adjustment means for permitting transverse adjustment of the towed vehicle with respect to the towing vehicle. The hitch mechanism is particularly adapted for use in connection with a wheeled vehicle which is adapted to apply temporary raised pavement markers (TRPMs) onto a roadway surface, while the towing vehicle is a roadwork vehicle which tows the towed vehicle along the roadway surface.

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While the cited **PRIOR ART** is relevant to the present invention in that the **PRIOR ART** discloses conventional pavement markers, it is submitted that such **PRIOR ART** patent publications cited above do not disclose the particular apparatus and method of the present invention, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner should merely consider such **PRIOR ART** in its proper perspective, make the same officially of record, and proceed with completion of the examination of this patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,
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